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SUBJ: TRIAL OF RABBI MEIR KAHANE IN CONNECTION WITH DEC 30, 1969 INCIDENT AT SOV MISSION

1. HEARING WAS HELD MORNING FEB 18 IN CRIMINAL COURT BEFORE JUDGE IRVING LAND ON CRIMINAL INFORMATION AGAINST RABBI KAHANE ON CHARGES DISORDERLY CONDUCT, OBSTRUCTING GOVERNMENTAL ADMINISTRATION AND RESISTING ARREST IN DEC 30, 1969 JDL-SOV MISSION CASE.

2. USUN OFFICER HOPEFUL OF FINALLY GETTING CASE TO TRIAL SPOKE TO JUDGE LANG RE LONG DELAY IN TRYING CASE. JUDGE LANG SAID HE WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD TO GET TRIAL STARTED SOONEST.

3. JUDGE LAND DECIDED HAVE JURY TRIAL COMMENCING 2:00 PM, FEB 18.

4. JURORS SELECTED FOR TRIAL ARE:

A. ROBERT N. BUSS, FORMER VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOT AND SOMETIMES RADIO ANNOUNCER.

B. PETER ENGLISH, JOURNALIST WHO WRITES FOR METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE CO.

C. MRS. EMMA R. ABARNO, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR ADVERTISING AGENCY NAMED ZEBRA ASSOCIATES.

D. JOHN L. WEBB, JR., COMPUTER OPERATOR AND FORMER GI WHO SERVED IN GERMANY.

E. MARIA SHERRER, POSTAL WORKER WHO IS SEPARATED

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FROM HUSBAND.

F. LESLIE LARSON, ARCHITECTURAL LIGHTING DESIGNER
(FOREMAN OF JURY)

G. ALTERNATE JUROR, MRS. ALFHILD PORTNOY, HOUSEWIFE,
HUSBAND IS PHILOSOPHY PROFESSOR AT BROOKLYN COLLEGE.

5. PEOPLE REPRESENTED BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY R. MICHAEL
HAYNES. TABBI KAHANE IS REPRESENTED BY ATTORNEY PHILIP
EDELBAUM. TRIAL IS EXPECTED TO LAST THROUGH FEB 22.
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